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James O'Brien Bouchier

James O'Brien Bouchier is lauded as the founder of Sutton, though he and his brother William, entered the township at the same time. William sold his lands to his brother and departed for England, in 1822. James remained and built the grist mill, sawmill, and later on, a Woolen Mill. For this reason, Sutton was known for several decades as "Bouchier's Mills". James died in 1872 at the age of 75 and is said to have been honoured by the York Pioneers by the lowering of the flag at St. Lawrence Hall, Toronto. His obituary reads (in part): He came to this country in the year 1818 when everything was a wilderness, and to his determined energy and perseverance this village owes its rise.

